

Turkish Government Ousts 100 Nazi Technicians As Terrorist Evidence Found

ISTANBUL, Feb. 9.—Authoritative sources tonight said government dismissal of 100 German technicians and occupation of the German-owned Krupp shipyards were due to discovery of a far-flying German sabotage plot in the Near East.

Turkish ministers occupied the shipyards yesterday, today the government dismissed 100 German technicians employed by the war and naval ministers and gave them 48 hours to leave the country.

Authoritative sources said the government had uncovered evidence of a network of Nazi agents ready to perpetrate explosions, train strikes and other havoc throughout the Near East on the signal from Berlin.

The circumstances, they said, it was impossible to allow the Germans to remain in strategic positions. The technicians were completing work on a ship which would be thrown into combat if the became involved in war.

They said the technicians came as elsewhere in the Balkans and near east were being taken to avoid or prepare against any extension of the war.

The blanket discharge, coming one day after Turkey's seizure of the German-owned Krupp shipyards, was said to be the work of specialists at the Turkish naval base of Geyiklik on the Sea of Marmara. It was said that a munitions factory near Ankara and 40 other active in Turkey's military operations.

Officials said that henceforth no German could work in strategic industries. This was believed to affect several hundred in addition to those discharged today.

Reports that Germany's ambassador in Ankara, Hans von Papen, had been directed to make a sharp protest against the shipyard occupation were answered in government circles.

OPERATION IS PERFORMED ON GOV.—GENERAL

Lord Tweedmuir is Being Rushed to Hospital in Montreal

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—Lord Tweedmuir, an emergency operation over only a short time before, was placed aboard a special train for Montreal at 1:30 p.m. M.S.T. today.

The move to Montreal for treatment there followed less than two hours after the announcement that His Excellency's condition was "more critical" and that an emergency trepanning operation had been performed this morning.

The special Canadian National Railways train was made up of three cars and a locomotive. The dispatch here said it was due in Montreal at 3:30 or 3:35 p.m. M.S.T. At Government House the departure of His Excellency was being followed by a large number of officials.

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CANADA'S WAR PREPARATIONS SAID SUITABLE

Transport Minister Says Country Prepared Better Than Most

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—In many respects Canada was better prepared than any other country involved when the war broke out last September, Hon. C. D. Howe, transport minister, declared at a political meeting here last night.

It was true that for the first two or three months there was a scarcity of uniforms, the minister said. But I think the government would have been severely criticized if it had kept constantly on hand uniforms and equipment for 80,000 men.

SAVED QUICKLY

Canada had the men when they were needed and the within 48 hours to equip them. Within four months of the outbreak of war a fully-equipped division was overseas, the minister said, and today the defence department had caught up with equipment needs.

Preparations started four years ago in the face of opposition in parliament had equipped Canada with naval and air defenses which now rendered both roots immune from attack, Mr. Howe said.

On the economic side Canada was well-prepared with vast resources.

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New Links Forged In East Chain



Blacksmiths of the Balkans are forging the links for new chain of the four-power relationship to form a solid defensive bloc, seek out new links. Black Sea part of Rumania, Bulgaria, and Turkey, possibly Greece, is foremost of proposed barriers against Russian penetration into southeastern Europe.

Soviet Paper Gives Balkans Warning Of Impending Strife

MOSCOW, Feb. 9.—The government newspaper Izvestia warned the Balkan nations last night that the present situation on the western front cannot last long, and advised them to prepare for a great battle to defend themselves against the danger of being involved in a perilous adventure for the sake of others' interests.

LABOR PARTY AGAINST PEACE WITH HITLER

British Laborites Oppose Any Negotiations With Nazi Government

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Labor, through the national executive of the Labor Party, declared last night unequivocally against peace negotiations with any Nazi government in Germany.

A document given by the war purposes and peace aims of the chief opposition party demanded as a condition for ending the war actual cessation of hostilities and freedom for Sweden and Finland. It should be allowed to choose for itself whether to be in or outside the Reich.

The statement, drafted by the governing body of the party, was to be submitted to the party's national conference in May for debate and adoption as the definite Labor policy.

The Labor pronouncement condemned Russia's "unprovoked attack on Finland in shameless imitation of Nazi technique." It said "we

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British Air Patrols Strike Nazi Planes in spectacular Raid

By WALLACE CARROLL
British United Press Exclusive Cable LONDON, Feb. 9.—Reinforced British fighting plane patrols struck at German air raiders along the eastern coast of the British Isles today, brought down one bomber and drove off other enemy craft attacking coastal ships with bombs and machine guns.

Resuming aerial raids on an extensive scale for the first time since last Saturday, the German planes concentrated on the northeast coast where crowds on shore saw a number of vessels attacked by swiftly diving craft. A Heinkel bomber was brought down near the Firth of Forth.

The air ministry first heard that the bomber crashed in the south later messages of it crashing in a field near North Berwick.

A number of ships were attacked, mostly off the Scottish coast but British fighting planes reinforced last week, counter-attacked with regularity.

The German planes came out of the clouds to make the attacks and then dived back over the North Sea before British planes could reach the scene in many places.

Messages from coastal towns said that one vessel on shore from Scotland to South England was bombed by German planes that dived from a great height. Another ship on a distant coast and several fishing boats were reported attacked.

GRAY URGES \$5,000,000 DEVELOPMENT

Projects Would Aid War Effort, Alberta Liberal Leader Says

Diversion from usual channels of \$5,000,000 by the Alberta government to inaugurate several development projects in the province to assist in the Canadian war effort, was urged by E. L. Gray, Alberta Liberal leader, during his address in the debate on the Speech from the Throne in the legislature Friday.

He was the first opposition speaker in the debate and in addition to making the suggestion of diversion of funds for war efforts, attacked the government under criticism, attacking its war efforts and other policies.

Mr. Gray charged the provincial government's war effort had been confined to "making available a few buildings in Edmonton for military purposes."

Attacking the government's debt adjustment effort, the Liberal leader suggested legislation providing for individual adjustment for property owners unable to retire their

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EUROPEAN ROUND-UP

By Canadian Press

LONDON—German planes shot down near Firth of Forth.

HELSINKI—Russians continue to pour Finnish defense; Finns say they may fail to gain.

ISTANBUL—Turkey discharges German technicians in continuation of drive against German influence.

PARIS—Chamber of Deputies discuss conduct of war in secret session.

ATHENS—Government official says that British, French, and American survey near east concentrations.

States Opens Peace Talks With Neutrals

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Boxer's Mother Dies

Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Mary Pearl McGinnis, mother of Jimmy McInnis, former world champion boxing champion, died here Thursday.

Cruiser Leaves

MONTREAL, Feb. 9.—The 10,000-ton British cruiser Shropshire left here today after a 24-hour stay to take on fuel and provisions. It has replaced the cruiser Ajax, now at Plymouth, on the South Atlantic patrol.

Finnish Armies Repulse our Red Attacks, Killing 700 Russians And Capturing 38 Soviet Tanks

By WEBB MILLER
British United Press Exclusive Cable to the Edmonton Bulletin.

HELSINKI, Feb. 9.—A Finnish war communiqué said today that the Finnish armies had repulsed four separate Red army attacks on the Mannerheim line, killing about 700 Russians, and had inflicted heavy losses on the Russian forces northeast of Lake Ladoga.

The communiqué, covering fighting on Thursday, said that heavy fighting continued northeast of Lake Ladoga, where there had been reports that Finnish forces were attempting to surround the Russian 18th division.

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Further Payments From Wheat Board Seen by Gardiner

MELVILLE, Sask., Feb. 9.—Canadian farmers who delivered wheat to the Canada wheat board, under present price conditions should receive from five to eight cents a bushel for their part for participation in the wheat board's plan to pay farmers better prices yet prevailing. Hon. J. G. Gardiner, federal minister of agriculture, told a Melville audience of nearly 700 last night.

State of wheat now held by the board at a price between 82 and 84 cents a bushel, he said, further payment possible providing storage charges and other costs can be avoided, he said.

Mr. Gardiner said that criticism leveled against the King government had increased the demand for farm product development and had abandoned the trans-Canada service station.

Defence appropriations voted by

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KEMP HANDED 15-5 DEFEAT BY MANAHAN

Warm Weather Hants Ice Sheets Terrific Walloping

Handling First Kemp 15-5 defeat Friday morning at the Royal Club in the "rights" of the King Edward hotel competition, Cliff Manahan is now the only undefeated ship in the hospital.

Warm weather hit most of the ice sheets in the field of the King Edward hotel competition, the morning. Kemp, having been defeated in the first round, was defeated in the second round, and resulted in a narrow loss as Father Rowley's 19-18 defeat of Nihil at the Royal in the Gas Company event.

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The Duke of Windsor is pictured here during his recent visit to London, Unapologetic, the Duke said that he was in London "on business."

Duke Of Windsor Starts On Tour Of British Units

WITH THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, Feb. 9.—The Duke of Windsor, yesterday began a two-day tour of units of the British Expeditionary Force, just after Viceroy Gort, commander-in-chief of British forces in the field, completed a tour of the British units of the Magdalen Line.

The Duke's tour was intended to show his interest in the war and to encourage the troops. He was accompanied by the Duke of Devonshire, who was in the field with the British units.

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JAPAN CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE U.S. LOAN TO CHINESE

TOKYO, Feb. 9.—Japanese foreign minister, Arita, today expressed great concern over the possibility of an American loan to the Chinese government and if such a loan were made and used by China for military purposes, it would be a very serious matter.

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Manion Says No One Party Able To Give United Effort

TORONTO, Feb. 9.—Conservative leader Manion today said he was advocating a national government because he believed that no one party was able to give the united effort that was needed to win the war.

Manion is on his way to Port Williams, his home constituency, where Monday evening he will open a meeting to discuss the war effort. While here he conferred with Toronto and district Conservatives.

Two Dead, Three Hurt In Blaze At Timmins, Ont.

TIMMINS, Ont., Feb. 9.—Three persons lost their lives and three others are in hospital suffering from first degree burns as the result of a fire in a Maple street residence here last night.

The dead are Alberta Fernand and John Sikora.

54 Men Lost

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Women Do Their Bit

As was to be supposed, the Daughters of the Empire are also doing their bit for our fighting men. From Edmonton the members of the organization are sending 600 pairs of socks per month to the men overseas, as well as sweaters, scarfs, caps, etc. They are also undertaking to secure blankets for the Victoria League hostel, a headquarters in London for men on leave.

A point worth remembering is that work of this kind is not temporary—it will have to go on while the war lasts, however long that may be. And the need will grow as the numbers of our forces overseas increase. A third contingent, including three Edmonton units, has just arrived in England. Others will be going periodically, and probably with increasing frequency. The more men "over there," the more need there will be for supplies of the kinds cited. The war work which Canadian women are doing is one of the best of this and other organizations, will be a "duration" job, and one demanding more of time and effort as the months pass.

More Frightfulness

Nazi morality must have touched bottom when orders were issued to its airmen to bomb lightships, anchored along the English coast to warn seamen away from shoals. That sort of thing has not been done before in wars between nations pretending to civilization. It cannot be defended on any ground of fair fighting. It can only be excused on the devil's maxim that "all is fair in war."

All is not fair in war; even Goering admits that, and warmly asserts it on occasion. But only when he wants to complain of something the Allies have done, or are alleged to have done. The Nazi creed evidently carries a revised version of the maxim, to the effect that whatever is done in the name of that organization is fair.

In attacking lightships, Berlin of course invites the Allies to do the same. It can do so because German commercial vessels have been cleared off the seas. Lightships and other aids to commerce are no longer much needed along the German coast, once numbered among the busiest sea fronts in the world.

Having wrecked Germany's shipping, its masters now seek to make the same other countries regardless of whether the vessels destroyed and the sailors drowned are Allied or neutral, and by what means their destruction is accomplished. If this isn't a policy of desperation, it is a policy of sheer malevolence.

A United Nation

The keynote of Prime Minister King's broadcast election address on Wednesday evening was the keynote of his public career and of the policies of his Government. To his way of thinking, the most vital consideration in Canadian politics is to cultivate and preserve unity of purpose and sentiment among the varied elements which make up the population of the Dominion. It was in accord with that principle the war program of the Government was framed and is being carried out. It is for the voters to say whether they want the war effort continued on that line.

To those who take the same realistic view of the make-up of Canada's population, it is readily apparent that the country to unite its varied strains on a common line of action is more important in war-time than in peace-time. For the reason that discord in time of war would entail all the hampering effects it does in time of peace, and in addition must tend to prevent the whole strength of the country being put into the war effort. The maximum support Canada can give to the Allied cause is the maximum contribution its most mixed people can be got to make in man power and materials. Canadians can be led but they can't be driven.

Thus far Canada has been true to friend and foe, as a united nation. There was joy in London and Paris, and disappointment in Berlin when parliament at the special session proclaimed that Canada would participate in the war on the lines proposed by the Government, with practical unanimity. There were the same reactions in all three capitals when the people of Quebec answered a direct challenge to their loyalty by a thunderous

declaration of approval of this course. Neither the Allies nor the enemy has any doubt that Canada stands or what it intends to do.

This situation could not possibly have come about save by the adoption of a war program to which British and French, Catholic and Protestant, capital and labor, imperialist and nationalist, could give free and full support. Original religious views, party differences, and personal animosities in the effort to defend the cause of self-government on the lines now being followed. With a unanimity never shown before Canadians of all classes are pooling their services and their resources to see this thing through, however long it may be the fight, and however long it may last.

A terrific resolution will fall upon anyone who during this election campaign raises sectional or class appeals, or otherwise creates cleavages in this happily united nation.

Age Pension Systems

On the first of this month Washington sent out the first "old age" pension cheques payable in the United States. The first day's cheques were mailed to 3,700 persons. Those enrolled in the insurance scheme total 47,000,000. They will become eligible for pensions as they reach the prescribed age.

Canada has an old age pension system, which has been operating in this and some of the other provinces for ten years. The two systems differ in several particulars. In Canada no one gets the pension until 70 years old, and then only if he or she is in dire need. In the United States pensions became payable at 65 years, and poverty is not a condition necessary to payment. In Canada the pensions are available to all; in the United States only to contributors.

It is predictable that the systems will be more nearly of the same pattern before many years have passed. Each is likely to be changed by incorporating some features of the other. In the United States, people not now eligible for pensions will demand to be included. In Canada the age limit will have to be dropped to 65 years, the poverty requirement eased or abandoned, the amount raised, and probably the compulsory contribution arrangement adopted.

These changes in the Canadian system should be made before the war ends. That would retire a considerable body of older men and women from the labor market and better the chances of employment for men returning from the fighting forces to civilian life.

Bonsiepi week and milder weather struck Edmonton at the same time—"as usual", or fairly usual. But the curlers can't be blamed or thanked off-hand. It has been a mild winter generally, relatively mild in the few cold spots, and some continuation of the mildness in February could be looked for without ignoring the records.

Fifty Years Ago

From the Files of the Edmonton Bulletin

Ottawa: Since the formation of a new advisory council for the north-west has been announced, several members of parliament have said they would be made the whole administration of the north-west. It is necessary for parliament as a whole, so that the new council might be guided by its findings.

Forty Years Ago

Edmonton gave a rousing welcome to the Royal Irish Guards.

Toronto: In view of present events in the South African war, a public meeting here declared that it is necessary for Canada to do all it can to see that the "Imperial connection" is maintained between Britain and South Africa. Resolutions of loyalty were passed by the meeting.

Twenty Years Ago

United Farmers of Alberta are pressing for an investigation of the farmer's place in the economy of Canada. They say that if grave dangers are to be avoided, it is necessary to reduce the burden of taxation placed upon the farmer which, together with the tariff restrictions which increase his costs of production, militate against him making economic advances.

Ten Years Ago

Salt Lake City: Twenty persons are known to have perished in an explosion in a coal mine at Standfieldville.

Toronto: Col. Orlando Heron, stock broker, was sentenced to five years in penitentiary on charges of theft in connection with stock transactions.

New York: Under the Bauman law, a 29-year-old woman, convicted for the fourth time of shop-lifting, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Montreal: Standard Pacific common stock will be split four for one.

The Passing Show

By J. S. COWPER

Another discrimination against women has been removed. Miss Julia Myles, 20-year-old member of the British Women's Auxiliary Air Force, has been arrested for desertion and returned to her unit under escort. She will be taken out at dawn and shot as a deserter. She will probably get a solemn sending and detention in barracks for a week or two. Why, after signing up and getting into a pretty uniform, she should have felt compelled to desert, is not disclosed. More likely than not, an affair of the heart. At least the flames of love burn fiercely. Better to get it over than to carry a frustration into middle life. Years hence, Julia will be able to boast to her grandchildren how she removed the final bar to sex equality in Britain.

According to Jeff Davis, "king of the hobos" on this continent, and head of Hobbes of America, Inc., "warms of dirty demands are driving decent itinerants off the road." Says he, "There are at least 5,000 girls between the ages of 16 and 22, high-banking across the country and begging through hobo jungles. They're the greatest menace to society. Ignorant of the pitfalls, they try to act tough. Many of them carry guns. They have brought a curse on every itinerant in the nation."

The autragate orators of a quarter century ago were that women, on equal terms with men, would elect the United States president. They said that women were the backbone of the economic structure that would send thousands of youngsters of both sexes on the road in search of living and adventure.

I've a friend, a preacher, a gently-spoken, staid one, who makes every woman a prayer, and whose conversation I enjoy. Where we do not agree is upon the question of Fate. He says, "I don't believe in Fate. I believe in everything I've written in the books; that we return again and again to the same old problems. I have completed the cycle of Fate and purified our REINCARNATION souls. I can perceive the reasonableness and worth of progressive reincarnations. Most people have only just learned self-mastery and the art of living when the new incarnation will be a life. Punishment for misdeeds of the flesh and the spirit is a law of life. To be given another chance after one has sinned and professed seems right. But to take this belief into the world where we are automata, blindly fulfilling some predestined Fate, robs it of its moral worth. It creates more problems than it solves."

Were the two families of little children burned to death last week in household fires, predestined to endure the torture of the flames? If so, for what? That belief makes every brutal murder and every U-boat commander who sinks a passenger vessel or leaves crews on the high seas at present of famine or frost, an agent of Fate. Are the 16 and 22 high-banking across the country and swimming through hobo jungles, fulfilling a destiny "written in the books"? I'll leave Hitler to proclaim his own Divine mission; free will and the responsibility of the individual, seem better to fit the facts of life.

Prof. Pitkin in his "Life Begins at Forty," gave reassurance to many. Dean Freeman of the University of California, looking forward with "prowd" from a radio intelligence test in which 2,331 persons from 10 to 90 years of age took part, that "a person's intellectual capabilities do not decline after he is 40."

MENTAL POWER 40, if he uses those capabilities. Much virtue in the concluding clause. As a matter of test the people between 40 and 60 showed more alert minds than those between 20 and 40. Presumably those taking part in radio intelligence tests were not the same as those who take intelligence tests, though no man between 40 and 60, whatever his cultural attainment, will question that he knows more and better than his wife, or their high school mathematics teacher.

The Dean may have let himself in for a peek of trouble in a State where over a million people have been selected for the "old" over the years of age. What becomes of the "Life and eggs movement" now? Shall a new vote be taken to give \$30 every Thursday to those unfortunates who have been selected on the golden years that come after forty?

Religion Day By Day

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS

Thirty-five years ago today, the late Harry R. Charlton announced that the name "Prince Rupert" had been selected for the western terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. A happy choice, of course, for was not the proposed terminal part of an ancient Hindu deity, reserved, and was not the dashing Rupert III, first governor of the Honorable Company.

The naming had been made a clever bit of public relations and a splendid advertisement for the ill-fated offspring, which was eventually to reduce the parent to bankruptcy. A Canada-wide advertising campaign was made, and was much disappointed because my selection of Rupert City had not won; there were thousands of contestants, and the winner became a newspaper figure for a while.

On This Date

By FRED WILLIAMS

FIRE IN FLORIDA

Most rooms and apartments, and many houses and apartment, have no provision for cold weather. It is optimistically assumed that the sun will always shine. But it doesn't. There are usually some chilly days during the tourist season.

That state of mind is not confined to Florida. Coolness lives and prospers. It holds that sunshine will always prevail. Then, when the chill winds of adversity and sorrow come, they are wholly miserable.

In every life, as in every home, there should be the fireproof of religion, at which the soul

Current Comment

Alaska Highway Route

The American wing of the Alaska International Highway Commission has recommended selection of a route from Prince George to the Alaskan coast, which would follow the upper end of the Alaskan panhandle. Southward from Prince George the route would run to a connection with the Pacific Highway at Blaine. Representative Magnuson, chairman of the joint commission, says the recommendation will be favorably reported by Canadian members to their governments.

Government approval of the route will complete the first necessary step in the big undertaking. Realization is still at some distance, but the commission is making good progress.

A letter sent to several newspapers in this state expresses fear that the proposed Alaska-Yukon Highway, when completed might become a "Polar Corridor" for the United States in case of dispute with Canada or disagreement with British foreign policy. It is argued that should we be called upon to defend Alaska, a hostile or even a neutral Canada would close the road against American use.

This outlook is as unhappy as it is far-fetched. So far as anyone can remember the United States has never been in accord with British foreign policy. We haven't fought about it since 1814. No one can imagine an occasion to defend Alaska that would not vitally affect Canada and thereby compel our attention. It seems quite safe to build the highway. The Canadians would give us part-time use of it, anyway.—Seattle Times.

An Opposition Needed

There are some people who feel that, with the country engaged in the very serious business of war, all the political parties should unite in forming a government which would devote itself wholly to the prosecution of the war. They take this view partly because of the excesses of party politics in the United States and partly because of the advantages of the party system of government even in time of emergency. They sincerely feel that a union or national government would make greater progress in our war effort because it would be giving its whole attention to it. But we all know that there is nothing to be gained by such a union or opposition for keeping any government on its end.

There should be an end of pure partisanship by all parties at a time like this, but there are great inherent advantages in our system of government if it is properly used. The party in office is not everything. The opposition has an extremely important function.

The opposition groups in Great Britain are rendering a valuable service at the present time, as Lord Marley told the Canadian Club last Thursday. There is no national government there, although the emergency is more serious for Britain than for Canada. The Labor party and the Liberals are watching the Government's war administration with the closest vigilance, demanding information from the ministers on all matters, putting them on the spot if they are slack or make mistakes. "The Government is influenced by the opposition," says Lord Marley. "The war effort is undoubtedly more energetic and more thorough than it would be otherwise. There is much criticism in the country also, and this is frequently taken up and presented effectively by the opposition members in Parliament."—Winnipeg Free Press.

Planes Versus Ships

The progress of the war has not ended controversy over the question whether or not the bombing plane has doomed the battleship to extinction. The battleship is still being built and defended itself very well against such isolated attacks as have occurred, and the prestige of those who insisted on its helplessness against sky-bombing is still high.

But the airplane engineer who demonstrated the vulnerability of the battleship by mathematics.

Addressing a recent convention of aviation engineers, he contended that a plane should be sent against battleships by the thousand. If not more than two hit their mark fairly, the battleship is doomed. He said that the planes were on the air, the air fleet would strike the victor on balance. The lost planes could be replaced in a few months, whereas it would require at least two years to replace a battleship.

This sounds so simple that one wonders why Germany hasn't attempted it.

The answer, of course, is that Germany can't take the risk. A moving battleship is a difficult target at best, whereas an increase in the number of attacking planes merely increases the target for the vessel's anti-aircraft guns. If the planes came by the thousand they might not all be lost, but the casualties would be heavy and the ship might manage to escape under cover of darkness. Even if successful, could hardly reduce the British fleet to an impotency, while losses in the air might be great enough to discourage the use of flying power which the Germans now claim.

Let us say, for example, that in five such attacks the Germans destroyed three British battleships and lost 100 planes. The British fleet would still remain strong enough to command the seas, but the Germans would have cut their lead in air strength dangerously. To be sure, they could replace the loss in a few months, but they could not undertake a spring offensive without a commanding superiority in the air. Meanwhile the Allied plane pilots, by manufacture and import, would have gained proportionately and the predicted hour of its superiority would be closer. The Germans are pretty good themselves at mathematics of war, so they will probably prefer to conduct their air attacks on battleships on the present economic basis. Nothing but disaster would indicate desperation.—The New York Times.

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SECOND SECTION

EDMONTON, ALBERTA—FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1940

NEW PLAN FOR LEAGUE FUNDS NOW PROPOSED

Ruling Would Turn Surplus Over To Federation Secretary

A proposal that 90 per cent of surplus funds collected by the various committees of the Federation of Community Leagues be turned over to the Federation's secretary will be investigated, it was decided at a meeting of the organization at the Civic Block Thursday.

The five-member committee named to study the recommendation announced at the Federation's constitution is composed of L. C. Winfield, chairman, L. F. Davis, W. Bridge, Lloyd G. Trith and W. C. Deane. Their report will be considered at the next meeting.

SUPPORTS PLAN

Speaking to the proposal W. Bridge pointed out that the present system of committees handling all their own funds, without the federation secretary having knowledge of what funds are in hand was in need of revision and that a "more business-like system" should be put into practice.

L. Lloyd Jones, chairman, reported on the Winter Carnival held February 2 and 3 in the Arena. While no definite figure on financial results was available, the chairman stated that expenses had been met, and that the carnival had proved even more successful than in previous years.

" tribute was paid by Mr. Jones to the work of those in charge of the carnival.

Request for membership in the Federation by the Glenwood Community League was referred to the executive for report.

EXTEND BOUNDARIES

Extension of the McCauley League boundaries from Jasper to 105A avenue and from 92 to 97 streets was referred for approval to the Riverside League, which adj. Joins McCauley, and which would have to relinquish part of its territory under the plan.

Jasper League's request for extension of the east boundary from 124 street was granted.

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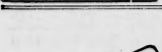
Death of Frank Brandon, 38, postmaster of Hilliard, on Wednesday, resulted from drinking a "tremendous amount" of gopher poison, Dr. E. A. Brainshaw, chief provincial coroner said.

The coroner said death was "clearly suicide" and no "tissue" could be held. Brandon was driving with a friend and no one else in the car. The coroner said he drank the poison.

He leaves his wife, two daughters, Josephine and Henriette, and one son, Edward.

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Merchants Tangle On Early Closing: Issue Hangs Fire

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The committee has before it a plan to repeal the present bylaw and pass a new one which would compel all storekeepers selling any articles besides those especially exempted to close at 6 p.m. five days a week and 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Leslie H. Irwin, grocery store operator here, appeared as representative of the Retail Merchants' Association and stated that his organization favors closing of all stores, except those handling exempted articles only, at 6 p.m. and would support action in passing such a bylaw.

COMPULSORY CLOSING

"If you want to close all stores to remain open at night for sale of all groceries," he said, referring to another submission made at the meeting, "we will oppose it, but if we can assist in bringing about compulsory early closing we shall be glad to do it."

"I am, however, chairman of the newly-formed Merchants' and Consumers' Association, O. J. Skole made a plea to all grocery stores to remain open at night for sale of all foodstuffs. He stated that some 180 merchants and "several thousand" consumers believe that by closing the organization that stores should stay open at night.

"What do you do for yourself?" Ald. F. C. Caselman, committee chairman, asked.

"I am just a professional organizer," Ald. L.-Col. E. Brown said.

"Sometimes it is very convenient when some of our friends drop in from the country, to be able to run over to the store and get a can of salmon or a piece of cheese," Mr. Skole told the members.

"I say it is poor housekeeping if you have to keep the grocery open at night just to supply you with a piece of cheese," Ald. Brown countered. "I believe that by closing the store the hours of work we will be making for a better condition of living."

J. E. Stirling, grocer of Cloverdale, spoke for the latter for hours for the grocers, stating that it is hardly possible to make a living out of the sale of groceries the evening was made.

Mr. Skole and M. J. Warner appeared for the druggists' association, asking that no bylaw be passed for closing of drug stores close in the evenings. They opposed the proposal that drug stores be closed and certain ones in each zone be allowed to keep open after 6 p.m.

To a charge by Ald. Patterson that druggists, allowed to keep open for sale of medicines, had violated the bylaws by selling other merchandise after 6 p.m., Mr. Cairns said the association would investigate this part of the question and asked that action to revise the laws be delayed.

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St. David's Day, March 1, will be celebrated by the St. David's Welsh Society of Edmonton with a banquet and concert in the Corona ball. Arrangements are being made by E. E. Davies, president of the society. Toasts to St. David, Wales, will be proposed by Mr. Gordon James and E. H. Jenkins. It is expected that, as in past years, a number of prominent citizens will be in attendance at the anniversary banquet.

Mechanics for the provincial government for the past nine years Lawrence Southwick (Mac) MacKinnon, 1637 B street, died in the city Thursday, aged 60. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Mrs. G. H. Thind, Mrs. G. Gordon, Mrs. Davidson, and Kenneth, all in Scotland. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Foster and McGarry, Ltd., funeral directors.

Bridge-building foreman of the C.N.R. since 1928, William George Gerald, 908 8th street, died in a city hospital Thursday, aged 60. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. R. H. Pring of Edmonton; three sisters and one brother, Mrs. G. H. Thind, Mrs. G. Gordon, Mrs. Davidson, and Kenneth, all in Scotland. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Foster and McGarry, Ltd., funeral directors.

Fighting Garb?
As a possible pattern for garments for Swedish airport pilots Ensign, Sweden, who has secured a carboy-cup park, trousers and mink-trimmed suits for

